



U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Forces

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REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

WEEK OF JULY 30, 2007

TAKING THE WORST OF THE WORST OFF THE STREETS

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On July 31, 2007, Damien Talbert was arrested in Alexandria, VA by members of CARFTF. Authorities in Fairfax County (VA) wanted Talbert for Bank Robbery after he allegedly targeted a banking institution on February 15, 2007. The Fairfax County Police Department identified Talbert as a suspect, and obtained a warrant for his arrest after reviewing surveillance footage and recovering evidence from his home. Authorities contacted CARFTF for assistance in locating and apprehending Talbert. CARFTF investigators, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), identified Talbert's location at a home in Alexandria. CARFTF units responded to the target residence and safely took Talbert into custody.



Damien Talbert
Wanted for:
Bank Robbery

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On August 03, 2007, Brandon McClendon was arrested in Newark, NJ by members of NY/NJ RFTF, deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the District of New Jersey, and detectives from the Hazelton, PA Police Department. Authorities in Hazelton wanted McClendon for Homicide after he allegedly shot and killed two people on July 30, 2007. Officials in Georgia also sought McClendon for Aggravated Vehicular Assault and Assault. NY/NJ RFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), identified information indicating that McClendon fled to a relative's home in Newark. Investigators responded to that location and established surveillance. NY/NJ RFTF units later observed McClendon's vehicle exit the target site at a high-rate of speed. Investigators pursued the vehicle and observed a crowd gathering a nearby intersection. When NY/NJ RFTF personnel reached the intersection, they learned that McClendon's vehicle struck a pedestrian before crashing into a building. Investigators observed McClendon exit the vehicle and flee on foot. After a brief foot pursuit, NY/NJ RFTF personnel safely took McClendon into custody. The injured pedestrian, as well as a passenger in McClendon's vehicle suffered non-life threatening injuries. McClendon will face additional charges in Newark.



Brandon McClendon
Wanted for:
Homicide &
Aggravated Assault

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On July 31, 2007, Filemon Mendoza, a documented member of the **Central Myrtle** gang, was arrested in Santa Ana, CA by members of PSWRFTF, officers from the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD), deputies from the Orange County (CA) Sheriff's Department, and deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Central District of California. SAPD wanted Mendoza, a candidate for prosecution under California's 'Three-Strike' law, for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The charge against Mendoza relates to an incident on June 08, 2007, during which SAPD units stopped a vehicle driven by Mendoza. As Mendoza exited the vehicle, officers observed him remove a handgun from his person, throw it to the floor of the car, and flee on foot. Officers gave chase, but Mendoza eluded capture. Officers recovered a .45 caliber handgun from the scene. PSWRFTF, with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), identified Mendoza's probable location in Santa Ana and established surveillance there. Investigators later observed Mendoza exit the target location, moved in, and safely took him into custody following a brief standoff. Mendoza has a lengthy criminal history, including a prior conviction for Manslaughter.

Central Myrtle
Gang Member



Filemon Mendoza
Wanted for:
Weapons Possession

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On July 31, 2007, Damon Richardson was arrested in East St. Louis, IL by members of GLRFTF. The Los Angeles, CA Police Department wanted Richardson for Rape of a Minor after he allegedly forcibly sexually assaulted a fourteen year old girl on June 21, 2006. Acting on information indicating that Richardson would arrive at a relative's home in East St. Louis, investigators established surveillance at that site. GLRFTF units later observed a male fitting Richardson's description enter a vehicle and begin to drive away. Investigators moved in and safely took Richardson into custody after a felony traffic stop.



Damon Richardson
Wanted for:
Rape of a Minor

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On July 30, 2007, Lewis Williams was arrested in Montgomery, AL by members of GCRFTF. Authorities in Montgomery wanted Williams for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Williams' requirement to register with authorities related to an original conviction for Sodomy. GCRFTF investigators developed information indicating that Williams fled to a residence in close proximity to two schools. Investigators responded to that site, located Williams, and safely took him into custody.



Lewis Williams
Wanted for:
Failure to Register

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On July 30, 2007, Jaworski Lewis was arrested in Atlanta, GA by members of SERFTF. The Atlanta Police Department wanted Lewis for Homicide after he allegedly shot and killed a man during a dispute. On July 24, 2007, authorities in Atlanta requested SERFTF assistance in locating and apprehending Lewis. Investigators identified Lewis' probable location at a home in Atlanta, responded to that site, and prepared to execute the warrant for his arrest. As investigators moved in, a female subject granted them entry into the target home, where they located and safely took Lewis into custody. Lewis has a lengthy criminal history of sixteen prior arrests, including seven for narcotics-related offenses.



Jaworski Lewis
Wanted for:
Homicide